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In re application of

Marinus Marias BOONE et al.

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HEARING AID COMPRISING AN ARRAY
OF MICROPHONES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 12, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Make of record the substitute specification attached
hereto, as well as the marked-up version of the originally-filed
specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

--1. (amended) Hearing aid for improving the hearing
ability of the hard of hearing, comprising:

an array of microphones (8-12), electrical output
signals of the array of microphones being fitted to at least one
transmission path belonging to an ear,

means for deriving two array output signals from the
output signals of the array of microphones (8-12; 26-36), the

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